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Agency Highlight: *Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.*

Expansion of Oral Health Services

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.'s I-Smile Coordinator, Dawn Ericson, has recently trained the MCH Registered Nurses to complete Oral Health Screenings and Fluoride Varnishes. Mid-Sioux was unsuccessful in being able to hire an additional Dental Hygienist who could attend all WIC/MCH clinics to provide oral health services to WIC/MCH participants. Due to the limited number of hours the I-Smile Coordinator is able to spend on direct care services, it was not feasible for her to attend all of the clinics. After much deliberation, it was determined the best option was to train the MCH Registered Nurses to provide the oral health services.

An additional nurse was hired and all WIC/MCH women, infants, and children are provided with the option of receiving an oral health screening and fluoride varnish application during their scheduled WIC/MCH appointment. The nurses provide the families with oral health education and dental referral information. Many of the parents are unaware that they should take their infant to the dentist at one year of age.

Being able to provide families with preventive services and oral health education every six months will help build a solid foundation for improving the oral health of children in Northwest Iowa.

The Update

Important Stuff

2015 MCH/FP Fall Seminar

The 2015 MCH/FP Fall Seminar will be held October 6-7, 2015 at Adventureland Inn (3200 Adventureland Dr., Altoona, IA 50009). The Fall Seminar will again combine the efforts of the Bureau of Family Health and Oral Health Center.

REGISTRATION

To register for the Fall Seminar, please complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fallseminar15>. Please register by Monday, September 28th. Both days of the conference are required for Maternal Health Coordinators, Child Health Coordinators, and Family Planning Coordinators. Project Directors and other staff are also encouraged to attend. The registration fee is \$50 and covers all conference materials, lunch and snacks on Oct. 6th, and breakfast on Oct. 7th. The registration fee is non-refundable, but can be transferred to another attendee.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Connet at (515) 281-7184 or andrew.connet@idph.iowa.gov.

IME Informational Letter #1546: Clarification of Emergent Medical Condition Coverage (Updated)

IME Informational Letter #1537: Annual Provider Training 2015

Medicaid Modernization Updates

Informational Letter #1539: DHS Announces Winning Bidders for Medicaid Modernization Initiative

Public Comment Period

DHS has announced the Public Comment Period for the final two federal waivers that involve shifting services to the Medicaid Modernization Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). These are:

- \$1915(c) HCBS Brain Injury Waiver (Amendment)- Released on August 21, 2015
- \$1915(c) HCBS AIDS/HIV Waiver (Amendment)- Released on August 21, 2015

Comments for these two waivers must be received by Friday, September 25, 2015.

Initial Stakeholder and Provider Toolkit Released

The Iowa Department of Human Services has released the initial stakeholder and provider educational toolkits.

These toolkits contains an initial overview, FAQs, provider contracting information, sample member FAQs, newsletter content, social media posts and contact information.

- Provider Toolkit
- Stakeholder and Community Partner Toolkit

Waiver Documents Submitted to CMS

Initial Round of Waiver Documents Formally Submitted to CMS: Several of the federal waiver documents have been formally submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Additional waiver documents will be submitted in the coming weeks. Documents are available on the Medicaid Modernization web page and include:

- \$1915(b) High Quality Healthcare Initiative Waiver- Narrative
- \$1915(b) High Quality Healthcare Initiative Waiver- Appendix D Workbook
- \$1915(b) High Quality Healthcare Initiative Waiver- Cover Letter
- \$1115 Iowa Wellness Plan Demonstration Waiver- Amendment
- \$1115 Iowa Wellness Plan Demonstration Waiver- Cover Letter
- \$1115 Family Planning Network Demonstration Waiver- Amendment
- \$1115 Family Planning Network Demonstration Waiver- Cover Letter

Summary of Waiver Public Comments Available: A summary has been developed of the public comments received on the waiver documents posted for public comment through August 24, 2015, along with the state response.

For more information, visit the dedicated Medicaid Modernization webpage.



Resources

Call for Abstracts!

The Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health is accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations now through 10.15.15. The theme for the 2016 event is "Navigating a Changing Landscape: Partnerships for Population Health." Click [here](#) to learn more!

Updated Interactive Enrollment Map With New Demographic Data

Wondering how many people got financial help to get covered in your county? Interested in finding out the income levels, ages, and races/ethnicities of 2015 marketplace enrollees at the local level? Check out this interactive map from Enroll America! This amount of data for individual counties is unprecedented, and provides a new window on enrollment trends in HealthCare.gov states.

Nationwide Survey of In-Person Assisters

More than 5.9 million Americans received in-person help from more than 4,600 assister programs during the second open enrollment period, according to a new report from the Kaiser Family Foundation. And our data has shown that people who received in-person assistance were 60 percent more likely to successfully enroll in health coverage. Key findings from the Kaiser Family Foundation survey illuminate how -- and why -- assisters are meeting the needs of consumers.

Key Facts: Helping Families That Include Immigrants Apply for Health Coverage

The Facts Hurt: A State-By-State Injury Prevention Policy Report

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Resources

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has shared the following updated brochures that you may find useful:

- [Has Your Child Been Tested](#)
- [Capillary Brochure](#)
- [Venous Brochure](#)

In addition, we have posted updated guidelines pertaining to blood lead testing on the IDPH EPSDT – Providers website at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/epsdt_providers.asp. See the content with links listed below.

Blood Lead Testing Guidelines

Iowa's [Blood Lead Testing Guidelines](#) provide key information for addressing lead risk assessment for children and guidelines for blood lead testing and follow-up.

Also see the document for questions and answers on [Addressing Blood Lead Levels of 5-9 µg/dL](#).

Healthier Pregnancy: Tools and Techniques to Best Provide Affordable Care Act Covered Preventive Services

These resources address successful practices in implementing U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations around obesity, alcohol, depression, intimate partner violence, tobacco, and breastfeeding in pre- and perinatal care settings.

Quick read - *My postpartum depression did not make me a bad mom*



Lemonade FOR Life

Using ACEs to Build Hope and Resilience

Lemonade for Life is a new training curriculum developed in partnership with the University of Kansas. Lemonade for Life provides the knowledge and skills to assist professionals to discuss Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and to foster hope and resilience. A primary message of Lemonade for Life is while you cannot rewrite the beginning of your story; you are in charge of the rest of your life story.

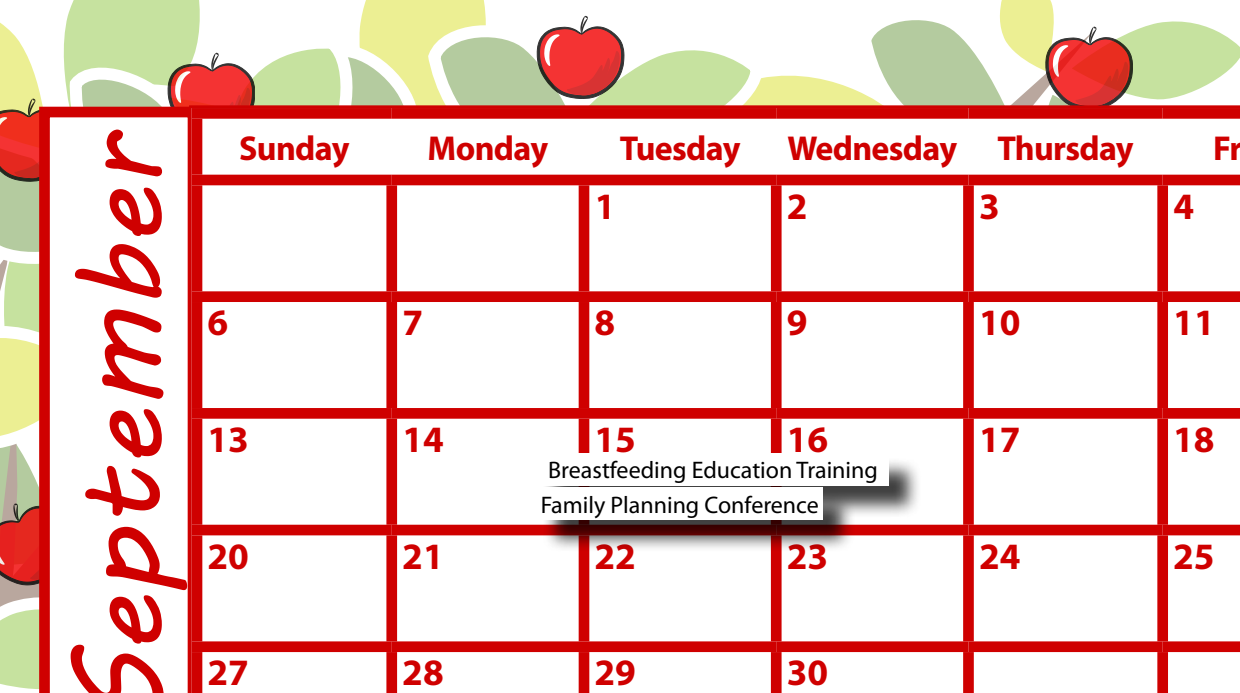
The Lemonade for Life curriculum equips professionals with essential tools for resiliency planning and prevention activities. The curriculum is designed for professionals that have a trusting relationship with parents. A key concept is the prevention of ACEs exposure by interrupting the cycle of transmission from one generation to the next.

The curriculum was piloted with a group of professionals from Iowa and Kansas during the summer of 2014. The evaluation results:

- 94% strongly agreed and understood how early experiences influence the course of a person's life
- All participants disagreed that a child's high ACE score could stop them from promoting a positive life course change.
- All participants knew where to refer someone who is struggling with ACEs.
- 88% said their experience with ACEs impact how they interact with clients

All participants said that using ACEs with families had the potential to increase family engagement. For more information: www.LemonadeforLife.com.





September

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Breastfeeding Education Training
Family Planning Conference

October

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MCH/FP Fall Seminar

I-Smile Coordinator Meeting - West

Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic (Documentary)

Outreach and Enrollment Kickoff Event (see below)

I-Smile Coordinator Meeting - East

hawk-i and Dental Data Quarterly Reports Due

hawk-i Q&A Summary

Question: Can medical clinics do Presumptive Eligibility?

Answer: They are listed on the PE provider type list, however it depends on the type of clinic.

Announcement: The Iowa Primary Care Association, in partnership with IDPH, will be working with Enroll America to provide customized training on Outreach and Enrollment in Iowa as part of the Get Covered Academy. There will be an in-person kickoff event on October 29th-30th in Des Moines. This is not required for MCH Agency staff, but **strongly encouraged**. More details to come!

